

ORDINANCE 2019-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, AMENDING PARAGRAPH 3 OF ORDINANCE 2010-4 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, AND AUTHORIZING THE ANIMAL SAFETY SERVICE AND PROTECTION DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA TO ENFORCE THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida, (the "Village") has previously adopted Ordinance 87-7, being the Village Nuisance Ordinance, which deals in part with animal nuisances; and

WHEREAS, the Village adopted Resolution 95-4, A Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida Authorizing the Animal Control Division, Department of Public Safety, St. Lucie County, Florida, to Enforce the St. Lucie County Animal Control Ordinance and/or the Applicable Provisions of the St. Lucie Village Nuisance Ordinance within the Municipal Limits of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida, adopted Resolution 2006-6 to provide for stricter enforcement of the restrictions on animal nuisances which are provided by Ordinance 87-7; and

WHEREAS, the Village enacted Ordinance 2010-4, An Ordinance of The Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida, Requiring That Dogs be Kept Under the Control of Their Owners, Providing for Enforcement by Animal Control Division, Department of Public Safety, St. Lucie County, Florida, and Providing an Effective Date; and

WHEREAS, St. Lucie County has adopted animal control regulations which are enforced in unincorporated portions of St. Lucie County (Chapter 6, Article II. - Animal Control, of the "St. Lucie County Code") (hereinafter the "SLC Animal Control Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida, is desirous of providing for stricter enforcement of its restrictions on animal nuisances and the County's animal control regulations; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Board that amending Ordinance 2010-4 of the Ordinances of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida as it pertains to permissible methods of control, is appropriate and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Control Division, now known as Animal Safety Service and Protection Division, Department of Public Safety, St. Lucie County, Florida, has been previously authorized to enforce the Village's Nuisance Ordinance, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Safety Service and Protection Division, Department of Public Safety, St. Lucie County, Florida, has now indicated that it will not enforce the Village's regulations but will enforce the SLC Animal Control Ordinance within the municipal limits of the Village; and,

WHEREAS, it appears to the Board that the public health and safety would be promoted by enforcement of SLC Animal Control Ordinance within the Village; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida hereby ordains:

1. Except as amended hereby, Ordinance 87-7, Resolution 95-4, Resolution 2006-6, and Ordinance 2010-4, An Ordinance of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida, shall remain in full force and effect.

2. Ordinance 2010-4, An Ordinance of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida, is hereby amended to delete the current language from Paragraph 3 and replace it with the following language which is consistent with the related provisions of the SLC Animal Control Ordinance:

3. Dog Owners shall, at all times, keep their animals under control, either by restricting the dog to the owner's property or by having it under restraint by leash or a lead, so as to prevent injury to persons, other animals or property.

3. The Animal Safety Service and Protection Division, Department of Public safety, St. Lucie County, Florida is authorized to enforce the provisions of the SLC Animal Control Ordinance within the municipal limits of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida, and specifically authorized to issue citations, to impose penalties in accordance with County regulations, and to remove any animals as it may be authorized to do so.

4. That, where the provisions of SLC Animal Control Ordinance address matters not addressed by this Ordinance or the other related Village regulations, or where the SLC Animal Control Ordinance is inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance or the other related Village regulations, then the provisions of the SLC Animal Control

Ordinance, as may be amended, shall control, the intent being that the County regulations will be enforced within the municipal limits of the Town of St. Lucie Village.

5. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage or as soon thereafter as is permissible by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village on this 16th day of April, 2019.

APPROVED:
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF
ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA

By: William G. Thiess
William G. Thiess, Mayor

ATTESTED:

By: Donna Dennis
Donna Dennis, Acting Clerk

I, Donna Dennis, Acting Clerk of the TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Ordinance 2019-2 which was duly introduced, read and adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, held this 16th day of April, 2019.

Donna Dennis
Donna Dennis, Acting Clerk